The Secretary of State presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and refers to the Department of State's diplomatic note No. 13-448, dated May 31, 2013, regarding diplomatic parking policies in effect at Washington, DC, area airports.

The Chiefs of Mission are informed that the Department was recently informed that the Congressional, Supreme Court, and Diplomatic parking area at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport will be closing June 30, 2017, for a period of five years, due to an ongoing construction project. The Department further has been informed that, during the construction period, vehicles bearing diplomatic "D" license plates and displaying placards issued by the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) (inside the windshield or on the visor, where clearly visible) will still be eligible for free parking in garages A, B, and C (see enclosed map for locations). During this construction, drivers will find that space in these garages may be limited. If these garages are full, vehicles bearing diplomatic "D" license plates and displaying placards may also park for free at any of the airport's public parking lots. To be exempt fro m payment at any of the

airport's public garages or lots, diplomats are required to sign their parking receipts and present their Department-issued diplomatic identification cards to the parking attendant upon exiting the parking facility.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has issued detailed parking guidance for the construction period, which is enclosed for reference and also may be found at http://www.flyreagan.com/projectjourney. The parking policies for Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport remain as stated in the Department's diplomatic note No. 13-448. The Department requests that the Chiefs of Mission disseminate this information to all relevant personnel. Inquiries regarding diplomatic airport parking may be directed to the Office of Foreign Missions at 202-895-3500 or at OFMCustomerService@state.gov.

Enclosure:

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, May 31, 2017



CONGRESSIONAL, SUPREME COURT & DIPLOMATIC PARKING

To make way for Project Journey, our \$1 billion, multi-year effort to transform the passenger experience at Reagan National, the restricted lot used for Congressional, Supreme Court and Diplomatic parking is **closing on June 30**. All authorized persons displaying the credentials below are permitted to access the public parking lots and garages as outlined:

- Members of Congress: display a current Congressional vehicle plate issued by the Sergeants-at-Arms for the House or Senate.
- Members of the Supreme Court: display a vehicle dashboard-parking placard issued by the Marshal of the Supreme Court.
- Members of the Diplomatic Corps: display a "D" license plate affixed to the vehicle and their Diplomatic Parking placard issued by the U.S. Department of State on the vehicle dashboard.

These items must be displayed and visible while the vehicle is parked in the public parking garage.

All Public Parking Lots / Garages:

- Entering: Pull a <u>parking ticket</u> from the machine at the entrance to the garage.
- Exiting: Present the <u>parking ticket</u> and the <u>official government identification card</u> to the cashier and you will be authorized to exit. If your official identification card is not presented, the cashier will review your official placard.

NOTE: Diplomats must display their "D" license plate affixed to the vehicle and present their Diplomatic Parking placard to the cashier to be authorized to exit.

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